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Although the Southern Sierra region of the state does not currently have an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan), we are currently in the process of developing one. With this proposal, the SSIRWM Water Management Group seeks funds to conduct one local fractured-rock groundwater study in order to initiate the first steps of developing the SSIRWM regional groundwater management effort. Completion of this study will also support the development of the groundwater component of the IRWM Plan and provide the Three Rivers area with an essential groundwater management tool: data. The focus of the study is localized compared to the size of the region because the SSIRWM Regional Water Management Group recognizes that, at this time, it is not yet feasible to construct a full groundwater management plan for the entire region. Most of the Region does not have traditional groundwater management basins, and a regional groundwater management plan would not be appropriate for the Region. The results of this study will benefit not only Three Rivers groundwater users, but will also serve as a starting point for other geographically similar watersheds and communities to begin to manage the limited groundwater supplies. Only the northern portion of the Isabella Groundwater Basin has been mapped and identified in the Region with the likely other unofficial basins yet to be identified.